# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
# LOK SABHA

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Black Marketing of Fertilizers
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the discontentment amongst farmers on account of large scale black-marketing and unprecedented rise in the price of fertilizers;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the details of the demand and supply and availability/distribution of different fertilizers to farmers during the current crop season, State-wise; and

(d) the details of the corrective action taken by the Government to contain the rise in price of fertilizers and stem out black-marketing?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS, SHIPPING AND CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS,

(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a) (b)& (d): There has been no report of discontentment amongst farmers on account of large scale black-marketing and unprecedented rise in the price of fertilizers. Fertilizer has been declared as an essential commodity under Essential Commodities Act, 1955. Government of India has notified Fertilizer Control Order, 1985 under Essential Commodities Act, 1955 which prohibits sale of any fertilizer at a price exceeding the maximum price. Under Essential Commodities Act, 1955 State Governments have been empowered to take appropriate punitive actions against the violators of this Act. However, it is also informed that fertilizers at subsidized rates are provided to the farmers.

(c) : A statement indicating state-wise requirement(demand), availability and sales of different fertilizers (Urea, DAP, MOP and NPK) during Rabi 2016-17 is at Annexure-1.

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